(e) whether it is a fact that it created resentment among employees due to special treatment like double payment to a single employee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Export Inspection Council has reported that 147 employees of EIA Cochin accepted VRS and that no officer who had accepted VRS, has been re-employed by EIA Cochin. 16 employees were, however, retained on consultancy basis for varying periods.

(d) and (e) Dose not arise.

Growth rate of industrial production

2110. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an analysis of Indian industrial production for the last 15 years shows that annual average growth rate in post-reform period (1991-92 to 1995-96) at 6% was way below the 8.4% achieved in the five years immediately preceedings reforms (1986-87 to 1990-91) as reported in Economic Times dated Ist August, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the above figure is also lower than annual growth rate of industrial production of 7.8% in the Eighties (1981-82 to 1990-91);

(c) if so, the reasons for the same;

(d) the industrial production in 1991-92, 1992-93, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(e) to what extent it is expected in 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The overall industrial growth during 1991—93 was constrained because the balance of payment crisis of 1991 necessitated an import squeeze and the tight monetary policy pursued to contain inflation affected both availability and cost of funds. Industrial growth recovered in subsequent years and recorded annual growth rate of 9.2 per cent during 1993—96.

(d) According to the index of industrial production, the industrial production in 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 has recorded in average annual growth of 0.6%, 2.3%, 6.0%, 9.4% and 12.0% respectively.

(e) The specific target for the year 1996-97 has not been fixed. However, the overall growth rates are expected to be maintained.

Welfare Scheme for Weaker Section in Uttar Pradesh

2111. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of running welfare schemes with regard to welfare of weaker section persons living below poverty line in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to make the scheme speedy and to cover the all weaker sections by the year 1996-97, 1997-98 so far; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALAWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Role of Trade Unions in the Disinvestment Process

2112. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade unions have not been given an active role in the entire disinvestment process of the Public Sector Undertakings;